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### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SECOND COVID-19 DEATH IN BUTTE COUNTY**

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – Butte County Public Health (BCPH) is announcing the second death from COVID-19 in the county. BCPH expresses its sincere condolences to the person’s family and friends. The person who passed away while hospitalized, was over 80 years of age and experienced underlying health conditions.

The case investigation for this person’s COVID-19 illness suggests this was a community acquired infection. No specific place or event was identified as the source of their infection.

Butte County has seen a significant increase in cases over the past week, which is consistent with reports from nearby counties. While BCPH is still investigating details of these new cases, many appear to be from close contact with a previously confirmed case and from small gatherings such as BBQs and celebrations with friends and family.

It continues to be critical that individuals and organizations take action to slow the spread of the virus by following all applicable guidance from the State and BCPH, including wearing a face covering when in public and common spaces.

“I’m very sad to announce that we’ve lost another one of our community members to this virus,” stated Danette York, Director of Butte County Public Health. “We remind the community that gatherings are still disallowed by the Governor and we must remain diligent in our fight against the coronavirus.”

Residents should take action to protect themselves, their family and their community. Prevent the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Wash your hands often
- Maintain social distancing of at least six feet
- Stay home if you are sick
- Avoid touching your face
- Limit non-essential travel
- Avoid gatherings
- Avoid sick people
- Wear a face covering when in public or common spaces

Community spread poses an even higher threat to people in increased risk categories. Those individuals should continue to stay home as much as possible to limit their exposure to the virus. People at increased risk include:

- All Adults over 65 years old
- All persons with chronic health conditions, such as: heart disease, diabetes and lung disease

**Get tested for COVID-19:**

- **Chico: OptumServe Specimen Collection Site**, located at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, open Monday through Friday, 7 am to 7 pm. Testing is free to anyone and you do not have to be symptomatic to qualify. Register online: <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>
- **Chico Immediate Care**, located at 376 Vallombrosa Ave., open Monday through Friday, 7 am to 7 pm & Saturday/Sunday from 8 am to 4 pm. Call: 530.891.1676
- **Chico & Oroville: CVS Pharmacy No-Cost / Drive-thru Testing (supervised self-testing)**, To register online: [www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing?icid=poct-covid19-mc-clinicvisit-tab-link](http://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing?icid=poct-covid19-mc-clinicvisit-tab-link)
- **Oroville Hospital COVID Clinic**, located at 2767 Olive Hwy., open Monday through Sunday, 8 am to 8 pm by appointment only, Call: 530.538.3251
- **Oroville: Feather River Tribal Health**, located at 2145 Fifth Ave., open Monday through Friday from 1 to 3 pm. Referral only. Call: 530.534.5394
- **Ampla Health in Chico, Oroville and Gridley**. Testing is offered Monday through Friday from 1-3 pm.

**Stay informed about COVID-19:**

- Butte County Public Health: [www.buttecounty.net/publichealth](http://www.buttecounty.net/publichealth)
- Butte County Reopens: [www.buttecounty.net/buttoreopens](http://www.buttecounty.net/buttoreopens)
- California COVID-19 website: [www.covid19.ca.gov](http://www.covid19.ca.gov)

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